

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A container for items, comprising:
  - a) a receptacle adapted to be received in a motor vehicle drink holder, the receptacle comprising:
    - i) a closed bottom,
    - ii) a top with an opening, and
    - iii) a sidewall that connects the bottom and the top;
  - b) support means separate from and contacting the closed bottom for supporting a plant stem inserted into the receptacle; and
  - c) a grooved ring sized to be press fitted into the opening of the top, the grooved ring having an outer wall and an inner wall, the outer wall being adjacent to the sidewall of the receptacle having a top edge at a first distance above the closed bottom, the inner wall having a top edge being at a second distance above the closed bottom, the second distance being less than the first distance.
2. (original) The container of claim 1 wherein the support means is a set of prongs.
3. (original) The container of claim 1 wherein the support means is a frog.
4. (canceled)
5. (previously presented) The container of claim 1 wherein the grooved ring is detachable.
6. (canceled)
7. (original) The container of claim 1, the container configured to stand on its own independent of the drink holder.
8. (Currently amended) A container for items, comprising:
  - a) a cup-shaped receptacle adapted to be received in a motor vehicle drink holder, the receptacle comprising:

- i) a closed bottom,
  - ii) a top with an opening, and
  - iii) a sidewall that converges from the top to the bottom;
- b) a detachable grooved ring positioned in the cup-shaped receptacle, the detachable grooved ring sized to be press fitted into the opening of the top, the detachable grooved ring having an outer wall and an inner wall, the outer wall being adjacent to the sidewall of the cup-shaped receptacle having a top edge at a first distance above the closed bottom, the inner wall having a top edge being at a second distance above the closed bottom, the second distance being less than the first distance; and
- c) a set of prongs contacting the closed bottom, for supporting a plant stem.
9. (previously presented) The container of claim 8 wherein the closed bottom and the top are generally circular.
10. (Currently amended) A method of displaying a part of a plant, comprising the steps of: ~~in either order:~~
- a) inserting the plant part into a container having a closed bottom, and supporting the plant part with at least one prong mounted on the closed bottom, the container adapted to be received in a motor vehicle drink holder;
  - b) providing a grooved ring sized to be press fitted into the container, the grooved ring having an outer wall and an inner wall, the outer wall being adjacent to a sidewall of the container having a top edge at a first distance above the closed bottom, the inner wall having a top edge being at a second distance above the closed bottom, the second distance being less than the first distance; and
  - c) placing the container into the drink holder.
11. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising after steps a) and b), the step of removing the container with the plant part from the drink holder to display the plant part outside the motor vehicle.
12. (previously presented) The container of claim 1, wherein the support means is permanently connected to the closed bottom.

13. (previously presented) The container of claim 1, wherein the support means is removably connected to the closed bottom.
14. (previously presented) The container of claim 2, wherein the set of prongs is permanently connected to the closed bottom.
15. (previously presented) The container of claim 2, wherein the set of prongs is removably connected to the closed bottom.
16. (previously presented) The container of claim 3, wherein the frog is permanently connected to the closed bottom.
17. (previously presented) The container of claim 3, wherein the frog is removably connected to the closed bottom.
18. (previously presented) The container of claim 1, wherein the grooved ring extends completely around the receptacle.
19. (canceled)
20. (canceled)
21. (previously presented) The container of claim 1, wherein the grooved ring contains one of an air freshener and a deodorizer.
22. (previously presented) The container of claim 8, wherein the set of prongs is permanently connected to the closed bottom.
23. (previously presented) The container of claim 8, wherein the set of prongs is removably connected to the closed bottom.
24. (previously presented) The container of claim 9, wherein the grooved ring extends completely around the receptacle.
25. (canceled)
26. (canceled)

27. (previously presented) The container of claim 9, wherein the grooved ring contains one of an air freshener and a deodorizer.
28. (Currently amended) A container for items, comprising:  
a receptacle adapted to be received in a motor vehicle drink holder, the receptacle comprising:  
a closed bottom,  
a top with an opening, and  
a sidewall that connects the bottom and the top; and  
a ring sized to be press fitted into the opening of the top, the ring having a groove between an outer wall and an inner wall to hold liquid, the outer wall being adjacent to the sidewall of the receptacle and having a top edge at a first distance above the closed bottom, the inner wall having a top edge being at a second distance above the closed bottom, the second distance being less than the first distance.
29. (New) A container for items, comprising:  
a receptacle adapted to be received in a motor vehicle drink holder, the receptacle comprising:  
a closed bottom,  
a top with an opening, and  
a sidewall that connects the bottom and the top; and  
a ring sized to be press fitted into the opening of the top, the ring having a groove between an outer wall and an inner wall, the outer wall being adjacent to the sidewall of the receptacle, the inner wall having a top edge, the top edge of the inner wall being below the top of the sidewall relative to the closed bottom.